

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

THE iron trade, which is held to be the unfailing indicator of general business, is unprecedentedly popular just now. The railroad and other calls for the manufactured product bids fair to make things lively for a long time.

THE United States is placed by her own authorities at the foot of the list of naval powers in the essential matter of ships and guns, there being three South American, two Asiatic, and fifteen or sixteen European Powers which outrank us.

THE first Japanese to settle in San Francisco were eleven persons who arrived in 1870. Now there are more than 800 Japanese in the city, of whom about forty are women. Of these forty, twenty are married and their children attend the public schools.

CONSUL GENERAL WILLIAMS, at Havana, transmits a report to the Secretary of State, which shows that nearly ninety-four per cent of all the sugar-cane product of Cuba for the first quarter of this year, found "consuming markets" in the United States.

A REPORT presented at the National Druggists' Association Convention at Minneapolis showed that the amount of quinine used in the United States during the past year was 2,600,000 ounces, and that the use of morphine as a stimulant was rapidly growing.

VICE CONSUL TOURNAI, at Turin, in conducting a report to the Department of State upon agriculture in Italy, says the grain growers in that district are reduced to a desperate condition by taxes, high rents and above all by competition from the United States.

MISSIONARIES to cannibalistic countries should always learn to chew and smoke tobacco before departing for the scene of their labors. It is reliably stated that a cannibal has to be very much pressed by hunger before he can be induced to eat a missionary who smokes or chews.

THE earthquake philosophers say the South Carolina affair was caused by the sun crossing the celestial equator. The Philadelphia Press takes the sun to task and says if it "can't cross the celestial equator without raising such a disturbance it should be fenced in with barbed wire or tied to the North Pole with a fish line.

THEY are building a vessel in Pittsburgh, which is expected to reach New Orleans from that city in as short a time as it now takes to go to Cincinnati. An ocean ship modeled on the same plan would, it is expected, reach Southampton, Eng., from Halifax, in twenty-four hours. Mr. John Dougherty, of Mount Union, Pa., is the inventor of this marvelous craft.

A UNIQUE exhibition is about to be held at Washington, illustrative of the advance of the colored race in the industrial and mechanical arts. The object is to show that the race is not so deficient in this field of progress as is generally assumed. A large building has been provided for the exhibition, and its liberal spaces have been engaged by those who are anxious to show the results of their ingenuity and industry.

Mrs. ELIZABETH MARGARET GORDON has issued a pamphlet addressed "to all the inhabitants of the world," in which she argues that a railroad should at once be constructed from St. Petersburg to Behring's Strait and from San Francisco to the same point. Mrs. Gordon is convinced that a necessity for such a railroad will shortly arise; since, if she be correct, tidal waves are to increase and are to render the ocean un navigable.

THE foolish earthquake prediction of Wiggins caused great alarm among the negroes on the South Atlantic coast, and the excitement seriously interfered with plantation work until the alleged fatal period had passed. Should this alarmist feel symptoms of breaking out again with his idiotic predictions, it is to be hoped he will crawl into a hole somewhere in Canada and pull the hole in after him before he promulgates them.

DR. VAN MANSTER, of the Eternal City, has been delving among the Etruscan tombs, and has re-erected skulls which antedate the Christian era by at least 800 years, and which discover the existence in those early times of the art of dentistry. False teeth have actually been found in these human and ebonious caverns. The toothache is not a "last art," neither is artificial teeth making a new one; it is simply an old art revived.

SCIENTIFIC investigation of the recent cases of milk poisoning at Long Branch shows that milk, warm from the cow, when placed in tight cans, under conditions which greatly retard the dissipation of its heat, will undergo change with the development in the course of five hours of enough of a poisonous ptomaine to cause alarming symptoms of poisoning. This should be sufficient warning to milkmen to take the cans to the pump and give them a thorough cleaning and cooling off before milking time instead of after.

DISPATCHES from Italy state that a new street of tombs has been discovered at Pompeii near the eastern gate. The old Street of Tombs, which was among the first discovered, was on the Herulan road, and the inscriptions—though eighteen centuries old—are as fresh as if chalked yesterday. And, by the way, the principal inn of Pompeii was just opposite one of the principal tombs, as if to remind the spectator that even in the remote days there was a national association of the wine-cup and the cemetery.

A BACK-DOWN.

General Kaubars' Missions His Demands on Bulgaria.

A Strong Probability That the Regency Will Secure a Better Terms.

VIENNA, Oct. 1.—It is stated positively that General Kaubars, in consequence of hints from J. Petersburg, has moderated his attitude equally with the Regency, and has become more conciliatory. An immediate relaxation of the tension between Bulgaria and Bulgaria is therefore considered probable. General Kaubars' mission is due to a telegram from M. De Cerna to the effect that Russia did not wish to interfere with the Bulgarian Government or with the domestic affairs of Bulgaria.

SOFIA, Oct. 1.—The people throughout the country have held meetings and adopted resolutions begging the Government to reject General Kaubars' demands. The Austrian military attaché at Sofia has been instructed to encourage the Bulgarian Regency to resist the Russian demands, with a hint of eventual support. Several officers arrested for participation in the revolution have been released on parole. M. Stambouloff has informed General Kaubars that he himself and all the Ministers and Regency will not be rejected. The inquiry into the revolution has been concluded. The Regency will be asked to empower a court-martial to try the offenders. It is reported that three ex-ministers are implicated. The accused, with the exception of the leaders, will be dealt with leniently.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 1.—The Nove Vremya publishes a telegram from Moscow which says that the Bulgarian crisis has paralyzed trade and checked the revival of business which the good harvest had induced. The present condition is as bad as war, if not worse. The Moscow Gazette declares that the Russian Government is not prepared to express sympathy with Russia's action in Bulgaria. The St. Petersburg Telegram says that the Russian Government has been requested to publish certain portions of the speech made by the Hungarian Premier yesterday.

An Alaskan Volcano.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 1.—A letter published under date of Kodiak, Alaska, September 16, says: A volcanic peak of Pabof mountain, 300 miles southwest on the Alaska peninsula, is in eruption. Slight falls of volcanic dust resembling emery powder have been observed. Captain Curry, of the schooner Kodiak, reports that August 20, at 100 miles from the volcano, his vessel was enveloped in a black cloud. The darkness was so great that lamps were kept burning from 11 p. m. to 1 a. m. At the same time black dust fell upon the deck to the depth of several inches. Captain Curry, of the United States Steamer Corwin, who arrived here August 23, also brought samples of the dust and reported having heard a noise like thunder while passing near the volcano. No earthquakes have been reported thus far in connection with the outbreak.

Dynamite Fiendishness.

CHICAGO, Oct. 1.—About seven o'clock this morning a bomb was exploded in the top of something that looked like a tree sticking through it was found on the steps of Mrs. Serley's boarding-house, No. 43 Twenty-fifth street. Near the case was a small tin of dynamite. The case was taken to the Cottage Grove Avenue Police Station and opened. It contained a quantity of cotton, saturated with a thick brown liquid. The cotton was found to be of the same kind as that used in the dynamite. The case was found to be a bomb, and the case was found to be a bomb, and the case was found to be a bomb.

Dec D'Aumale's Great Gift.

NEW YORK, Oct. 1.—The Herald's Paris dispatch says that the Duc d'Aumale has bequeathed to the Institute of France his Chantilly estate and castle, valued at 60,000,000 francs, to be held in trust for the French Nation. The great collection of books, pictures and works of art is included in the gift. The revenue of the estate is to be used as a pension and county fund for literary men and artists. The art gallery is to be open to the public.

Life Insurance Fraud Suspected.

PHOENIA, Ill., Oct. 1.—The Northwestern Mutual Aid Association of Bloomington had the body of Jos. Wanner exhumed yesterday, after it had lain five months in the ground. The body was found to be that of a man who had been reported dead. The body was found to be that of a man who had been reported dead. The body was found to be that of a man who had been reported dead.

Government Money Matters.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 1.—The Comptroller of the Currency reports a decrease during the last month of \$1,157,593 in the amount of National Bank notes outstanding. The decrease since October 1, 1907, aggregates \$18,810,652. The amount outstanding to-day is \$308,913,183. The Comptroller also reports an increase in the deposits of National Banks during the last month of \$8,327,918 and an increase since October, 1907, of \$23,005,274.

\$6,500 Gold Brick Swindle.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 1.—William Warner, a well-to-do citizen, was induced by a confidence man to go to Lawrence, Kan., yesterday, and pay \$6,500 for two gold bricks, which it was said had been found by an Indian in New Mexico. On returning here to-day the speculator found his bricks valueless.

Counterfeiter Caught at Work.

ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 1.—David M. Chadwick, aged sixty-five years, was caught by secret service officers and local detectives to-day manufacturing counterfeit coins, large quantities of which have been shipped to New York and other places.

Cutting Wants \$50,000.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Oct. 1.—Cutting's attorneys have prepared the papers to be presented to Mexico through the Washington Government. The claim is for \$50,000 damages.

Gold Status at September.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—The total gold coin and bullion in the Treasury September 30 was \$323,000,000, as compared with \$323,420,000 on the 31st of the previous month.

One of the most trying times.

One of the most trying times in a young lady's life is when, in church, she looks a great, big, overgrown sneeze coming on, and she starts out on a voyage of discovery to find the pocket of her dress to get her handkerchief. The female pocket used to be in a get-at-able place, but now it is wherever the architect's fancy makes it.—Danceville Breeze.

Throw a light covering of straw.

Throw a light covering of straw over the strawberry bed which has borne this year and burn it over. Thus the weeds and insects may be killed and the bed greatly benefited. Leave old wood on raspberries until winter.—Frisco Farmer.

A novel railroad bridge has recently been constructed at Harla.

A novel railroad bridge has recently been constructed at Harla, on the Toronto, Gray & Bruce railroad. The novelty lies in constructing the bridge of old iron rails, and is said to compare favorably in cost with wooden bridges.

Sick Headache: Sick headache may generally be cured by the administration of the juice of half a lemon in a cup of strong, black coffee, without sugar.—Toledo Blade.

ONE OF THE SEVEN SLEEPERS.

A Wife Carried From Home by Bargains and Threatened With Death, Refused to Tell Where Her Money Was—The Bank Robber Was Awakened Her Husband.

CORONA, N. Y., Sept. 30.—Superintendent Wheeler, of St. Agnes Cemetery, on the outskirts of the town, lives in a house in the cemetery. Last night, about 9 o'clock, Mr. Wheeler was in bed sleeping, but Mrs. Wheeler was alone the house. There was a rap at the door, which was opened by Mrs. Wheeler. Four men immediately pounced upon her and carried her through the cemetery. Although she screamed with all her might, her husband did not hear her. When the end of the cemetery was reached the men tied her to a fence. They then demanded that she tell where the \$100 was hidden which her husband had received from the pastor of St. Agnes Church, but she refused to tell. They threatened to hang her, but she firmly refused to give the information. Then the men left her and went to the house, which they searched thoroughly, but did not find the money, and the men left. The woman's screams finally attracted the attention of neighboring farmers. They found her tied to the fence and in a faint. Mrs. Wheeler was carried home and her husband awakened.

THEY PREPARED

To Leave This World in Good Style on the 30th—Disappeared.

HELMING, Mich., Sept. 30.—Richard Wellington, a farmer living near here, went down over Wiggins' cruel hoax. Wellington has, of late, devoted much of his time to studying Biblical prophecies regarding the coming of judgment day. His wife and two children were gradually impressed by his preaching, and the end of the world was near, and were brought to that state where they were easily frightened. When Wiggins' last prediction was learned by the Wellingtons, they firmly believed the earthquake would occur on schedule time, and would destroy the world. The fatal Wednesday arrived, and the family prepared to leave the city in good style. Wellington constructed a platform, upon which they all gathered, clad in their best clothes, and sat down to wait for the final shake. When yesterday finally passed without Wiggins' prediction being fulfilled, the more courageous members of the community compelled the family to come down from the platform. The old man is trying to figure out by the Bible what caused the hitch.

RESUMED OPERATIONS.

The Cutting Trouble Over Work Again Begun on the Mexican Legation Building.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—During the cutting controversy the Mexican Minister here interrupted the progress of plans for a legation building, not knowing what might be the result of Mr. Wagner's decision. Since then confidence has been restored and the architect has completed his work. The design has been sent to Mexico for the approval of Mr. Mariscal. The site selected for the building is on the north side of I street, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets, and will occupy the ground now covered by the French Legation. The building is to cost \$50,000. The British and German Legations are the only ones at present occupying buildings owned by their Governments.

A Bad Accident.

ALLENSTOWN, Pa., Sept. 30.—At Bergen Station on the North Pennsylvania road, while standing near the track Mrs. Wagner with her four-year-old daughter, observed a special train approaching at a high rate of speed. Turning around to her child she was horrified to see a little one playing in the middle of the track. The woman shrieked to the child to get off the track, but finding that it failed to heed her she sprang in front of the train. She succeeded in reaching the child, but before she could get off the track, the train whirled by. The child was thrown into the air, and landed on the foot-board of the engine. Mrs. Wagner was thrown under the wheels and mangled in a horrible manner.

General Miles' Report.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—General Miles' annual report was received at the War Department to-day. It included his report of the pursuit and capture of Geronimo and his band. The circumstances connected with the surrender of Geronimo are briefly stated, and show that the surrender was conditional; that it was made on the promise of General Miles that he would protect the lives of the prisoners and take them out of the jurisdiction of the civil authorities of Arizona. General Drum has submitted the report to the President.

Powder-Makers Blown to Atoms.

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—At Baychester, about ten o'clock this morning a disastrous explosion occurred at the Ditman powder works. Four men were blown into fragments. The explosion was caused by a squib being shot into the building. The explosion caused great alarm at Nyack, especially among the negroes, who believed it to be an earthquake. At New Haven the shock was also felt distinctly.

Sheriff Locked Up by Women.

DUBLIN, Sept. 30.—At Milltown, Malabar County, to-day, while the Sheriff was employed in detaining on the property of a man named Kelly, the married women of the neighborhood attacked, overpowered and imprisoned all of the officers engaged, while their husbands secured the cattle and removed them from the locality.

A Michigan Snow-Storm.

MARQUETTE, Mich., Sept. 30.—A dispatch from Marquette, Mich., says a snow-storm prevails there. The wind and sea on Lake Superior are very heavy, and vessels are recking.

Randall Nominated by Acclamation.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 30.—The Hon. Samuel J. Randall was re-nominated to-day for Congress by the Democrats of the Third District. There was no opposition.

Selling Passion Strong in Prison.

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 30.—Adolph Gordon was discharged from prison this morning at the expiration of a five years' sentence for counterfeiting. He was immediately arrested by Deputy United States Marshal Tenny on a charge of counterfeiting while in prison. Money and tools were found on his person and in his cell.

The Pleuro-Pneumonia Spreading.

KANSAS CITY, Ill., Sept. 30.—Twenty-five of the 100 bulls sent from a Chicago distillery here for the quarantine to Triplett's Ranch, near St. Mary, Kansas County, have died, probably of pleuro-pneumonia.

Found Dead in His Bed.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 30.—Theodore C. Tracie, late United States Internal Revenue Agent in Kentucky and Tennessee, who registered at the Lindell Hotel on Wednesday evening, was found dead in his bed at 6:30 o'clock to-night, he evidently having expired from an attack of apoplexy.

Death of a Man Aged 228 Years.

BALESTRA, Ont., Sept. 30.—Andrew Leane, colored, died here this morning at the advanced age of 228 years. He was born in 1682 and was a slave in Tennessee and was General Jackson's servant.

FROM DEATH TO LIFE.

A Chicago Woman Who Was Pronounced Dead,

Is Revived by a Hypodermic Injection of Nitro-Glycerine.

CHICAGO, Sept. 30.—The Evening Journal to-day publishes a case of remarkable resuscitation from supposed death of a young woman named Mrs. Fraser, who, in August, after several days' illness, was pronounced dead by one of her attending physicians. Dr. Mark H. Lackerstein, who was also attending Mrs. Fraser, says: "I did everything I could for her, but she died. In the third minute there were 18 respirations and the pulse became distinctly perceptible at the wrist. In the fourth minute it was 130 and upward, so that it could not be counted. Her face flushed. Her eyes began to roll in their sockets. All the muscles relaxed, but just a gasp; that was all. I looked at my watch, and there were four such gasps distributed over the first sixty seconds, but that is not life. In the second minute there were six respirations and a slight heart-pulse could be heard, but no pulse or circulation felt at all. 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